

## INDIANA AND MICHIGAN STATE HAPPENINGS

CHARITIES BOARD OF  
STATE FILES REPORT

More Than One-half of One  
Percent of People Are  
in Institutions.

Special to The News-Times.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—More than one-half of one per cent of the inhabitants of Indiana were inmates of the 19 benevolent and correctional institutions of the state, according to an announcement from the board of state charities, made today. On Sept. 30, 1915, the close of the fiscal year, these 19 institutions held 14,118 inmates. Of the entire number enrolled, 98 were absent temporarily, leaving 12,121 actually present. There were 8,541 men and boys enrolled, and these outnumbered the women and girls by 2,962. The daily attendance for the year averaged 12,524. During the 12 months 6,928 inmates were received, of whom all but 562 were new, and 5,561 were discharged. The net gain in enrollment for the year was 1,367.

Most of this increase was reported from the penal and correctional institutions. The state prison, reformatory and woman's prison, respectively, had the largest population in their history, while the new state farm, opened in April, closed the year with 604 prisoners. The population of the state farm is greater than any one anticipated. This indicates great interest in its possibilities and a fine spirit of co-operation on the part of the various counties. Up to the close of the year 73 counties had sent prisoners there, 1,174 in all. The greatest number present any one day was 606. The institution has worked under tremendous difficulties, the report from the state board points out.

**Needy Better Cared For.**  
"There has been remarkable growth in the state's provision for her dependent, defective and delinquent citizens in the past decade," the report continued. "This naturally would be expected with the increased population of the state, but in no small degree it is due to a better conception of the state's duty to these who need care or treatment or discipline. Five new institutions were opened, two others were moved to new locations with increased facilities, while most of the remaining 12 have been enlarged in order to meet the demands upon them."

"With this increased provision the average attendance grew from 9,604.98 in 1906, to 12,524.31, or 29.93 per cent, in 1915. Fifty-six per cent of this increase is found in the institutions for mental defectives, 31 per cent in the penal and correctional institutions and 14 per cent in all other state institutions. These increases are offset by a decrease of one per cent in the average attendance of pupils in schools for the deaf and blind."

"Altogether, the legislature for a number of years past has taken an intelligent interest in the state charities. The last assembly wisely made provision for their further development."

## REFUSES TO RETURN

Kidnaped Says She Will Stay With  
Her Parents.

OWOSSO, Mich., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Edwin S. Monroe gave a new angle to the stolen bride romance Friday when she declared that after careful reflection she had decided that she had made a mistake in consenting to marry the Owosso man who had been trying to induce her to rejoin him.

"I was coaxed into the marriage at Lansing, Wednesday, by Monroe and his parents," she said, "and I'm glad now that father and his brother took me away from Ed when the car got in from Lansing Wednesday night."

"I loved Ed as well as I ever did, but I think I'd rather live with my folks than with him. I admit that I stayed a couple of weeks at the home of his sister in Owosso, hiding when my parents came to the house several times to find me, and that it was at my suggestion that we went to Lansing to be married."

Mrs. Monroe visited her husband's home in Owosso Friday with her parents, and there was joy in the Monroe household, but it was short-lived. She remained only long enough to get her suitcase. Meeting her husband while driving home she listened to his pleadings and said she would think the matter over. Soon afterward she declared her preference for her parents and intimated that action probably would be taken to sever the marriage ties.

Mrs. Monroe consulted an attorney again, but made no move to force matters.

## LAND DEEDED TO I. U.

To be Used as Experimental Station  
by State Institution.

ROCKPORT, Ind., Dec. 20.—George W. Brickbridge of San Antonio, Texas, has given to Indiana university 20 acres of good river bottom land, near Maxville, in Spencer county, the deed having been placed on record here. The land is to be used for an experimental station for the biological department of the state university. According to the terms of the grant the land cannot be conveyed away for 75 years.

HE LOVED TEACHER;  
IS UNDER ARREST.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The old motto "children love your teacher" was all right in the old days when the children were in knickerbockers. But Peter Lambos is under arrest for making too persistent love to Miss Agnes White, city night school teacher. Not that Peter ever did anything bad. He just kept wooing Miss White, starting at her during classes, following her home and calling at the house. Lambos is 46 years old and a fruit peddler.

JANITOR'S FORTUNES TURN  
FROM POVERTY TO RICHES

Christmas Present of Dust Covered  
Stock Turns Out to be  
Worth \$10,000.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 20.—This is a Christmas story about a janitor, a broker and a bushel of mining stock.

Otis Holmes, local drayman, yesterday thought he was about broke. Today he learned he was worth \$10,000. Years ago he was employed as a janitor in a Fort Wayne office building, Frank Sheets, a broker, was one of the tenants.

One Christmas morning Sheets was cleaning up his desk. In a drawer he found 1,000 dust-covered shares of mining stock. "Here, Otis," said Sheets, with a smile, dumping the stocks into the waste paper basket. "Accept this with the compliments of the season."

Holmes knew the stock then was worthless, but he took it home anyway. He has just been offered \$10,000 for it.

NO FIRE ESCAPES  
WHERE GIRLS WORK

Fire Marshal Receives Many Reports  
From Various Sections  
of State.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 20.—The state fire marshal's department has recently received complaints from various sections of the state calling attention to the elevators where women and young girls are employed. Instances are alleged where from 25 to 50 women and girls are working, no outside fire escapes are installed and in case of fire the employees would be compelled to jump from the windows or use inside wooden stairways as exits. These buildings are usually constructed of wood, filled with dust and other inflammable accumulations, and burn like tinder when a fire starts.

## WILL PROBE CONCERN

Women Livest in Scheme Said to be  
Fraudulent.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 20.—Glen Murphy is in Indianapolis today trying to borrow enough money to pay off claims against the Union Manufacturing and Supply Co., of which he is proprietor, according to his wife, and local authorities are threatening an investigation of the concern because of numerous complaints from women in all parts of the country.

Some of the women who have complained to the police assert they answered advertisements offering good wages for making dust-caps at home. They were sent a sample dust-cap and required to deposit \$3 or \$10 "to cover cost of material." They say they understood this deposit was to be returned to them when they discontinued the work.

A number of women now complain that when they wrote asking for the return of their deposits their letters were returned from the post-office marked "Refused." A similar company was put out of business by a postoffice fraud order several months ago.

## AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

R. M. Stephenson Gets Annuity of  
\$1,500 Per Year.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—R. M. Stephenson, a former student at DePauw university, has been awarded the Indiana Rhodes scholarship, according to the announcement of the scholarship committee, composed of George R. Gross, DePauw university; Robert L. Kelly, Earlham college; Father John Cavanaugh, university of Notre Dame; and William Lowe Bryan, Indiana university. Stephenson's home is in Rockford, Ill., but he is now in San Francisco. Stephenson took the examination three years ago. The reward carries with it an annuity of \$1,500 a year for three years, in addition to perquisites allowed at Exford, England.

## STORK BEATS REAPER

More Births Than Deaths in Michi-  
gan Last Month.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 20.—According to the mortality report issued by Sec'y of State Vaughan, 3,038 deaths occurred in Michigan during November, while 5,924 births were reported.

The principal causes of death were cancer, 212; tuberculosis, 211; pneumonia, 204; violence, 181. Compared with the October report an increase is noted in the number of deaths from tuberculosis, typhoid fever, measles, whooping cough, pneumonia and cancer.

HUBBY LOVES AND  
SLEEPS WITH TOY

Wife Says He Fondles Teddy  
Bear While She Starves  
For Affection.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—Edward H. Nenning must be in a high state of nervousness. He was a free man, matrimonially speaking, for just one day, and his wife has taken away his Teddy Bear.

That Teddy Bear was probably one of the best loved Teddies that ever winked a shoe button eye or wagged a sawdust tail. Charlie Nenning explained the thing after the circuit court had set aside a decree of divorce that had been granted Mr. Nenning.

The decree was issued after Nenning had told the court that his wife was a devotee of the white lights and a hard drinker. Mrs. Nenning hadn't contested the case but a day later she appeared in court and told the judge that she had known nothing of the suit, had never taken a drink in her life and that the husband's testimony was quite untrue. The decree was promptly set aside and Mrs. Nenning's cross-bill was filed.

## Lonely Wife's Story.

"My husband is a treasurer and choir singer of a Baptist church," said Mrs. Nenning, a petite and very pretty little woman with large expressive brown eyes. "He doesn't smoke, drink, chew, swear or do anything he shouldn't. In fact he is quite a model man in many respects but there was that Terry Bear."

"Yes," said her visitor, "What about Teddy?"

"Well Teddy is just a regular Teddy Bear of cloth and stuffing, but my husband developed the most intense admiration for the thing. He would come home at night and take the silly creature in his arms and love it for a long time, then he would roll it up in a little white shawl, tuck it all up in bed and kiss it good night. U-g-gh! And there I was, his wife, young, affectionate and lonely. He didn't tuck me up in bed or waste any kisses on me."

"Why when he was away from town he would write letters to that bear and address them 'Master Teddy Nenning' and inside was the silliest mush you ever read. 'Has mamma been good to my little Teddy?' he would write. 'Did she tuck him up in his little bed?' If she didn't—Then he would tell what he was going to do to me. He wouldn't write to me but he would write to that silly, nonstopper."

## Husband "Painfully Good."

"I do not go to church as much as I should, perhaps, but I read my Bible at home. The church hasn't done him any particular good. Look, here is a picture of his old Terry Bear. Isn't it silly? I have the thing now at home. I think he misses it more than he does me."

"My husband is painfully good, if you know what that means. Why he would be horrified if I went to a theater, but he would go three nights a week and stay up until midnight practicing with an amateur musical comedy of which he was the leader, for the Warren Av. Baptist church benefit. Then come home and make a fuss over Teddy."

PARALYZED FROM PRANK,  
SCHOOL GIRL RECOVERS

Classmate Says "Boo" From Dark  
Corner, Victim Collapses and  
Takes Home.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 20.—For the first time in three weeks Miss Elsie Williams, 17 years old, spoke today. The muscles of her throat have been partially paralyzed as the result of a classmate's prank, but physicians now believe she will recover the power of speech.

Three weeks ago a girl classmate emerged from a dark recess in the stairs at the high school as Miss Williams passed, grabbed her and shouted "Boo!" Miss Williams collapsed and when she was removed to her home it was found that she had been paralyzed.

## SON RESCUES MOTHER

Hears Screams and Carries Woman  
From Burning Home.

WHITEHALL, Mich., Dec. 20.—Clad in pajamas, John O. Reed of this city, prominent business man, carried his aged mother, Mrs. Mary E. Reed, out of their burning home. The entire house was in flames when Mrs. Reed awoke. Her son rushed to her room and rescued her as the flames threatened to shut off their escape.

Mrs. Reed, who is in feeble health, was very ill and her son sat up with her until 1 o'clock. A half hour later he heard her scream and rushed down to find the house burning. The house was built more than half a century ago and was a landmark.

## MISSES TRAIN; TO SUE

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 20.—Edward M. Marcus, a senior at Notre Dame university, arrived here last night with his mother, Mrs. Mary Marcus, being called here by the illness of Mrs. Archibald T. McDowell. In Lafayette Mr. Marcus had an argument with a driver for the O'Donnell transfer line and it caused him to miss the train for Lafayette. He contemplates bringing suit for damages.

KOKOMO NOT SO CELESTIAL  
AS CELESTIAL IMAGINED.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 20.—Eighteen years ago Celestial Noffinger, then a little more than a baby, was taken by her parents from Kokomo to their new home on the desolate plains of North Dakota. She resolved then she would return when she had grown up to the place of her birth. Six weeks ago she came. Yesterday she started home to her husband in Pollac, S. D., on money donated by the Woman's Department club.

When she reached here she located the home of a girlhood friend, by the aid of the police, and was gladly received. After four weeks Celestial complained to Chief of Police Miller improper advances had been made to her and that she had no place to go. She said she was disappointed in Kokomo, anyway.

AUTO IN INDIANA FOR  
EVERY 30 INHABITANTS

Proportion Averaged Up by State  
Officials—Aggregate Receipts  
Were \$592,775.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 20.—One automobile is driven in Indiana for every 30 inhabitants of the state, according to estimates made by Herman L. Conter, assistant to Homer L. Cook, secretary of state. Taking an average of five persons to a family, every sixth family in Indiana owned an automobile last year. These figures became available when the final licenses for the year of 1915 were disposed of and arrangements made in the secretary's office to issue the new licenses for 1916.

The total number of auto licenses issued during the year that is coming to a close was 96,915, or 30,365 more than last year. The motorcycle licenses issued this year numbered 11,225 and the licensed chauffeurs in the state numbered 3,049. Licensed auto dealers numbered 723. The licenses for 1916 have been on sale two days and already 1,703 have been sold. Charles J. Murphy, of the public service commission, obtained license No. 1. W. A. Kunkle, democratic chairman of the eighth district, asked for and received license No. 13.

Mr. Conter has announced that the aggregate receipts of the auto department for the year of 1915 were \$592,775. Homer L. Cook says a saving of some \$5,000 will be made in the price of the license plates purchased by the state for 1916.

STEEL CO. MERGER MAY  
TAKE IN CAR CONCERN

New York Capitalists Reported Making  
Appraisal of Haskell  
and Barker Plant.

LAPORTE, Dec. 20.—The proposed merger of the big eastern independent steel companies, it is said, will further include the monster plant of the Haskell & Barker Co. at Michigan City, valued at \$15,000,000, and which is largely owned by Mrs. Spaulding, formerly Miss Katherine Barker, the \$22,000,000 heiress.

The New York capitalists have been in Michigan City for the last 10 days making an appraisal of the plant, and it is reported that the deal for the purchase of the plant, which now employs 3,000 men, will be closed within 10 days.

According to the plans of the interests involved in the merger, big car plants are to be located in the Buffalo and Chicago districts.

## THEATERS

## AT THE AUDITORIUM.

"Life's Pitfalls," a three reel Edison drama with Miriam Nesbitt and Herbert Prior in the cast; "A Kalem Drama," "His Wife's New Lid," a Lubin comedy, and "Two Daughters of Eve," a Biograph reissue directed by David W. Griffith featuring Henry B. Walthall and Lillian Gish, are being shown at the Auditorium today. The latter tells a clever little story: A child escapes from her mother and wanders into the theater through the stage door where her mother finds her in the arms of an actress. The mother, who looks down upon women of the stage, snatches her child away. Later her husband sees the play and becomes infatuated with the actress. When the wife discovers this, she leaves him, taking the child with her. She searches for work but is unsuccessful and at length is driven to seek a position in the chorus. On the stage at rehearsal, she comes face to face with the actress whom formerly she disdained and the her better nature triumphs and she seeks the wife in her dressing room, where she returns the jewels heaped upon her by the husband, kisses the baby and goes out to find the husband, advising him to return to his wife, which he does.

## AT THE LASALLE.

Henrietta Crossman is featured at the LaSalle today in a domestic drama, entitled "The Supreme Test." Miss Crossman is known to the patrons of the dramatic theater as a pleasing and artistic player of light

comedy roles. She has frequently been seen at the Oliver opera house and always gave an artistic and pleasing performance. She is known to millions of people in her great stage successes of "Mistress Nell," "Sweet Kitty Belairs," and other excellent dramas. "The Supreme Test" is a fascinating comedy drama of a wealthy woman devoted to work in the slums, who finds herself forced to live there later, after the loss of her fortune. Then comes the supreme test.

On Tuesday and Wednesday will be seen one of the big dramatic productions, "Armstrong's Wife," featuring Edna Goodrich, James Cruze and Thomas Meighan. In this picture Miss Goodrich makes her first appearance on the screen in a strong and stirring play. Her attractive personality and unquestioned dramatic power make her a delightful star. She will be remembered as a former wife of Nat Goodwin. James Cruze, who visited in South Bend last June has the part of the smooth unscrupulous villain. The settings and photography are excellent. On account of the merit of the attraction prices will be increased slightly and the picture will be shown for two days.

## AT THE ORPHEUM.

A bill of exceptional merit through out greeted Orpheum enthusiasts on Sunday, and promises to prove popular as an attraction the first three days of the week. Variety was a feature, with music, acrobatics, comedy, drama and an animal act incorporated in a well balanced program.

"To Save One Girl," with Eugene Strong and a company of seven, depicting the late Paul Armstrong's sketch built on Barratt O'Hara's trials as chairman of the Illinois vice commission, deserves special mention from its many appealing lines and the ability of members of the cast.

Eugene Strong as John Glenn, a young legislator and chairman of the vice commission, plays a difficult part with apparent ease. He is well supported by Madeline Delmar, unknowingly used as a tool in an effort to "get" Glenn and to secure his support for an important anti-vice measure, containing a "joker." John Ritter, Ben Piazza and Gus Thomas take the "gang" parts in praise-worthy manner.

Mary Melville, comedienne eccentric, had the house with her Sunday, as did the Melnotte Twins, whose big hit was a Charlie Chaplin taffee-off with the Charlie Chaplin song, "Nip and Tuck," in bits of acrobatic nonsense, opened the bill with some difficult as well as laugh provoking feats in tumbling and contortionistic work. Muggins, alleged to be the smallest elephant in the world, closed the program with many exceptional stunts of the animal variety. A dog, a pony and a girl made this act a veritable dog and pony show which would make the three-ring variety "hump some" to equal.

## AT THE COLONIAL.

The disclosure that a woman has married a married man believing him single, and then denounces him before his son, who wants to marry her, is made in the new production, "The Vampire," which will be a Metro release with Mme. Petrova in the title role, at the Colonial on Tuesday. This is another production by popular plays and players for Mme. Petrova that has a strong heart appeal. It will show her again at her best, as she was seen in her last play on the Metro program.

## AT THE OLIVER.

Another of Cohan and Harris' successes will be given at the Oliver Christmas, matinee and night, when the Oliver players will present the clever comedy "Nearly Married," in which Bruce McRae starred last season, playing long engagements at the Gaiety theater in New York and the Cohan Grand in Chicago. The farce was written by Edgar Selwyn and is one of those laugh producing plays like "It Pays to Advertise" and "A Pair of Socks," recently seen here, and is an appropriate bill for the merry holiday time.

## AT THE STRAND.

The Strand musical comedy company offered a new bill yesterday entitled "Winning a Wife." There is a clever plot to the farce giving the members many opportunities for fun. The new musical numbers introduced are "My Little Dream Spent," by Ben Shaw; "I Want a Little Love From You," by Whitlock and LeNore, and "Rock Me to Sleep," by Maybelle Eller and other popular hits.

## CASSOPOLIS, MICH.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Funk entertained the members of the Birthday club Saturday evening. A pot luck dinner was served at 6:30 o'clock, after which several tables were made up at cards.

Mr. Goodwin entertained with a surprise party for Almon Miller in the parlors of the Goodwin hotel Saturday night. The occasion was his birthday anniversary. About 20 guests were present. Light refreshments were served.

C. L. Bailey, court stenographer of Hillsdale county, served at the Cass county circuit court in session here this week, in the absence of H. A. Sherman, who is in Washington, D. C.

E. Lowitz has returned to Chicago after transacting business here. Mrs. Fred Reynolds and two children and Miss Carrie Neiswander were shoppers in South Bend Friday.

Miss Ruth Sherman of Marcellus is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodenough.

Miss Marie Coulter is home from Kalamazoo, where she attends the Normal school, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Coulter.

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